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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A system for remotely determining a user's out-of-box experience with a personal computer, comprising:
a user personal computer configured to detect and upload data characterizing ~~the~~ a user's interaction with the user personal computer during an initial setup of the user personal computer;
a network suitable for communicating uploaded data, wherein the network is connected to the user personal computer; and
a remote information handling system connected to the network, wherein the remote information handling system is suitable for receiving uploaded data from the user personal computer.
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user personal computer is capable of automatically uploading user interaction data.
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user personal computer is capable of offering an opportunity to upload user interaction data.
4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the remote information handling system is capable of correlating the uploaded data with the user personal computer's pre-loaded configuration.

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5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein user interaction data is at least one of an occurrence of an event, a time interval between events, a user input "HELP" button utilization, a time period to load a program, an accessed program's name, an installation of a driver, a screen capture, a time period a dialog box is open.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user personal computer detects user interaction data as a background application.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the user's interactions are detected for at least one of an initial boot-up, a specific number of boot operations, a time period, and after a program has been started a specific number of times.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the network is an INTERNET.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user personal computer is capable of surveying the user.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for remotely determining a user's out-of-box experience with a personal computer, comprising:

a user personal computer ~~capable of detecting and uploading~~
configured to detect and upload data related to ~~the~~ a user's out-of-box interaction with the user personal computer during initialization;

a network suitable for communicating uploaded data, wherein the network is connected to the user personal computer; and

a remote information handling system connected to the network, wherein the remote information handling system is suitable for receiving the ~~unloaded~~ uploaded data from the user personal computer.

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11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the network is an INTERNET.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for remotely determining a user's out-of-box experience with a user personal computer, comprising:
providing the user personal computer with ~~the~~ a capability of detecting data related to ~~the~~ a user's interactions with the personal computer;

initializing the user personal computer including user interaction detecting capability, by the user;

detecting, during the initializing by the user, data related to the user's interactions with the personal computer during initialization;

compiling the detected user interaction data;

uploading the user interaction data to a network; and

communicating user interaction data to a remote information handling system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising offering an incentive to upload user interaction data.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein uploading user interaction data is conducted automatically.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein uploading user interaction data is initiated by the user.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein detecting the user's interactions with the user personal computer is conducted as a background operation.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein uploading compiled user interaction data is conducted after at least one of an initial boot-up, after a specific number of boot operations, and a time period.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising surveying the user about information regarding at least one of demographic data and user opinion.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising correlating survey information with user interaction data.

20. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
detecting an initialization of a user when the user sets up a user personal computer;
saving the initialization activity detected in said detecting step to a file;
uploading the file to an originator of the user personal computer wherein the initialization activity of the user is correlated by the originator.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the step of correlating the initialization activity of the user, determining whether a change in the initialization is needed, and, in the event a change is needed, modifying an initialization process for new personal computers in response to the analyzed initialization activity of the user.

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22. (Currently Amended) A software system for remotely detecting a user's out-of-box experience for a personal computer, comprising:

a computer-readable medium containing;

a first software program capable of causing a user personal computer to perform a function; and

a second software program ~~capable of causing~~ configured to cause the user personal computer to detect and compile the user's initial interactions with the personal computer performing the first software program;

wherein the second software program is a background application; and

wherein the second software program is ~~capable of causing~~ configured to cause the user personal computer to upload the compiled data to a remote information handling system.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

means for detecting an initialization activity of a user when the user initializes a personal computer;

means for saving the initialization activity detected by said monitoring means to a file; and

means for uploading the file to an originator of the user personal computer wherein the initialization activity of the user is correlated by the originator.

24. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23 wherein the originator correlates the initialization activity of the user so that a future system can be configured in response to the correlated initialization activity of the user.

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25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the initial setup of the user personal computer comprises an initial boot-up of the user personal computer and establishing the user personal computer into an operating state by the user.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the initial setup of the user personal computer is limited to an initial boot-up of the user personal computer and establishing the user personal computer into an operating state by the user.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data related to the user's interaction includes a screen capture.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data related to the user's interaction comprises data about a time period that a dialog box is open during the initial setup of the user personal computer.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data related to the user's interaction comprises data about a time period between two designated events during the initial setup of the user personal computer.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data related to the user's interaction comprises data about a utilization of a "HELP" button during the initial setup of the user personal computer.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data related to the user's interaction comprises data about an error message displayed during the initial setup of the user personal computer.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein initializing the user personal computer comprises making changes to the user personal computer to conform to the a user's specifications.

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33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of uploading the user interaction data to the network is initiated after a specific number of boot operations after an initial boot operation on the user personal computer.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of uploading the user interaction data to the network is initiated after a predetermined time period after an initial boot operation on the user personal computer.